

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number : 10/726,177 Confirmation No. 2568  
Filing Date : December 1, 2003  
Inventor(s) : Wilfried Matthis, et al.  
Title : ELEMENT HAVING A SHAFT AND A HOLDING ELEMENT  
CONNECTED THEREWITH FOR CONNECTING WITH A ROD  
Group Art Unit : 3733  
Examiner Name : Annette R. Reimers  
Docket No. : 56524/B884 Date: November 16, 2006

MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS: 11/21/2006 MBIZUNES 000000084 10726177  
a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP  
(1) ☐ An Action was mailed by the Office on   , as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and  
☐ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on     
☐ via Express Mail  
☐ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8  
☒ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request  
☐ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated  
(2) ☐ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on     
☐ the Issue Fee has not been paid  
☐ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on     
b. ☐ Pending (with review proceeding active)

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An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

**2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)**

**a. Previously submitted**

- ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on  
☐ Other:

**b. Enclosed**

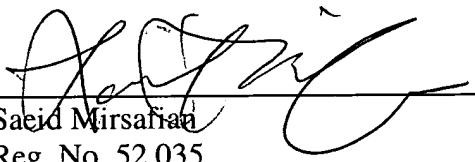
- ☒ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48  
☒ Petition for Extension of Time  
☐ Other:

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please direct all correspondence to **CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**. Direct telephone calls to 626/795-9900, **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

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<b>PART I — BASIC FEE</b>			
BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$395.00	Large Entity \$790.00	\$790

<b>PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)</b>						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	24	*24	0	x \$25.00	x \$50.00	
Independent Claims	2	**3	0	x \$100.00	x \$200.00	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$180.00	\$360.00	
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS FEE</b>						<b>\$0</b>
List Independent Claims: 1, 13						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.						
** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
  - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)  
A check for \$790 is enclosed.
  - b.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.**

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